train between Dhanbad and Tatanagar via Purulia is under active consideration of the Railways.

Disappearance of the Explosives from Railway Coach

334. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 500 Kgs. of explosives mysteriously disappeared from a high security railway coach in Assam recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the outcome of the investigations made into the mysterious disappearance of the explosives; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFARS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) There is no report of disappearance of explosives from Railway Coach on 8-1.1993. However, on 7-1-93. two trucks carrying explosives from Gomia, Bihar, for Charapunjee Cement Factory, Meghalaya were hijacked by Bodo militants at Samthaibari in Bongaigaon police station area in Assam. Police recovered the trucks but the militants carried away the boxes of explosives containing 500 Kgs. in total.

Incidents of Train Stopping/Ticketless Travelling

335. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the number of incidents of train stopping and ticketless travelling in Indian Railways during the last two years;

(b) the number of persons apprehended and the amount realised as penalty for both train stopping and ticketless travelling during the last three years, year-wise and zone-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to formulate special drive to check illegal train stopping and travelling without ticket;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) During the years 1990-91 and 1991-92 there were 6.32 lakhs incidents of train Appendix CLXVI, Annexure No. 7] and 80.40 lakhs persons were detected travelling without tickets.

(b) A statement is enclosed. (See Appendix CLXVI, Annexure No. 7)

(c) to (e) Various steps are already being taken by the railways to curb unauthorised alarm chain pulling and ticketless travel. These include regular surprise magisterial checks, publicity campaigns through different media, providing deterrent penalties in the Railways Act and blanking off of alarm chain apparatus on badly affected trains.

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336. श्री मूलचन्द मीणा :
श्री मुहम्मद मसूद खान :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राजस्थान में मीटर लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में बदलने की संशोधित

योजनाओं के अधीन कार्यक्रमों का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) धौलपुर-सरमथुरा छोटी लाइन से रेल विभाग को क्या लाभ है ;

(ग) क्या इस लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में परिवर्तित करके धौलपुर को गंगापुर शहर से जोड़ने की कोई योजना है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कब तक ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के०सी० लेंका) : (क) ग्रामान परिवर्तन की गयी लाइनों के अतिरिक्त कार्य योजना के चरण–I में निम्नलिखित लाइनें शामिल की गयी हैं :

(i) दिल्ली - अहमदाबाद (आंशिक रूप से राजस्थान में)

(ii) जयपुर-जोधपुर-जैसलमेर

(iii) बीकानेर-मेड़ता रोड

(iv) जोधपुर-लूनी-मारवाड़

(v) समदड़ी-भिलड़ी

(vi) सूरतगढ़-हनुमानगढ़ केनाल लूप

(ख) धौलपुर-सरमथुरा छोटी लाइन के अलाभप्रद होने के कारण इससे कोई लाभ नहीं हो रहा है।

(ग) जी नहीं।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Suggestions to change the Konkan Railway route in Goa

337. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any suggestions are made to change the present and proposed railway route of Konkan Railway in Goa sector; and

(b) if so, what are the suggestions and Governments reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir. Representations were received from certain quarters for change in alignment.

(b) The matter was examined by a One-Man Expert Committee which recommended that the alignment proposed by the Konkan Railway Corporation and approved by the Goa State Government should be adopted except in the case of 13 Km length between Margao and Balli where it bisects the villages of Navelim, Dramapur, Salzona and Cuncolim. The alignment for this section from Margao to Balli will be shifted eastwards along the foot hills even though it would involve construction of two tunnels and is slightly longer in length. The work is being progressed accordingly.

Railway Accidents

338. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a tremendous increase in the rate of Railway accidents during 1992;

(b) the details of accidents, Zonewise in this period;

(c) the number of casualities and the quantum of compensation paid to them in 1992; and